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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2005 for the above-identified application. This response includes a copy of the English language translation of the cited reference Huang, et al, Chinese Soc. Hort. Sci., 49(1): 55-62, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 5 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-5 are rejected. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record is requested in view of the following comments:

Rejection under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sisler (U.S. Patent No. 6,194,350) ("Sisler") and Huang, et. al, Chinese Soc. Hort. Sci., 49(1): 55-62, 2003 ("Huang"). The Office Action states that Sisler teaches methods of applying to plants an effective ethylene response-inhibiting amount of cyclopropene derivatives, including method of inhibiting abscission in plants and methods of prolonging the life of cut flowers, and the abstract of Huang teaches that pretreatment of flowers with a mixture containing 1-MCP under low pressure resulted in prolongation of vase life of flowers.

We have obtained an English language translation of the entire Huang reference. A careful reading of the English language translation of the abstract of Huang does not support the